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GERTRUDE SCOTT GIRDNER, NON-INDIAN  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; LIVED AMONG THE  
CHEROKEES; HAS LIVED IN HER PRESENT HOME FOR  
MOST OF HER LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND

TAUGHT BY INDIAN HOW TO MAKE CHILI  
FAMILY - EMPLOYMENT  
FATHER BUILDS HOUSE  
VACATION BY WAGON  
HELPED WITH HARVEST  
FATHER BUILT SEVERAL HOUSES  
WEDDING - MOVE TO PORTER  
FAMILY VISITS - HUSBAND WAS FARMER  
MRS. GIRDNER HAS ONE CHILD  
PRODUCTS OF THE FARM  
RECALLS FARM WHERE HOUSES ARE NOW BUILT  
PICKING COTTON AND FOOD PREPARATION  
HULBERT'S POPULATION DECREASED WHEN FARM PROGRAM STARTED  
DEPRESSION - WELFARE  
MAINTAINED HOME AND FARM AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND  
MAKES CROCHETED RAG RUGS  
ADEPT AT KILLING SNAKES  
HUSBAND DIED OF HEART ATTACK  
NATIONALITY MOSTLY IRISH  
EDUCATION  
MOTHER DISAPPROVED OF ASSOCIATION WITH INDIANS  
DRINKING PROBLEMS OF INDIANS IN HULBERT  
RAILROAD IN HULBERT AT ONE TIME  
SALE BARN OLDEST BUILDING IN TOWN  
INDIAN FAMILIES IN HULBERT  
HOTELS  
HAS MADE "MOONSHINE LIQUOR" AT HOME  
DISCIPLINE STRICT WHEN YOUNG  
WELFARE PROGRAM BAD FOR YOUNGER GENERATION  
FARMING - NO SUBSIDY THEN  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MANY YEARS  
SMALL COLORED BOY SMARTEST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL  
COLORED PEOPLE UNWELCOME AT BAPTIST CHURCH

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT

Gertrude Scott (Granny) Girdner is 77 years old. She was born in Missouri near the Arkansas border and moved to Hulbert when she was about 15 years old. After her marriage, she lived in Porter for several years, but moved back to Hulbert where she has lived for many years.